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SUBJECT: CAPE VERDEAN PRESIDENT ARISTIDES PEREIRA'S VISIT  
TO THE U.S.

REF: A) STATE 160321; B) BISSAU 0212

1. CAPE VERDE FOREIGN MINISTER ABILIO DUARTE, IN BISSAU FOR HIGH-  
LEVEL CAPE VERDE/GUINEA-BISSAU INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING (SEPTTEL)  
ASKED TO SEE ME AT GUINEA-BISSAU FOREIGN MINISTRY. DUARTE RE-  
AFFIRMED PRESIDENT PEREIRA'S INTEREST IN PAYING A CALL ON  
PRESIDENT CARTER DURING CARTER DURING COURSE OF PEREIRA'S  
ATTENDANCE AT OPENING CEREMONIES OF THIS YEAR'S UNGA.

2. I REPLIED THAT USG WAS ALREADY AWARE OF PRESIDENT PEREIRA'S  
PLANS AND THAT THE APPROPRIATE BUREAUCRATIC WHEELS HAD ALREADY  
BEEN SET IN MOTION BUT, THAT SINCE SO MANY REQUESTS HAD COME IN  
AND THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WAS SO TIGHT I COULD NOT BE ENCOUR-  
AGING AND COULD ONLY FORWARD HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. I NOTED  
THAT SO FAR WE HAD RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF ANY SUBJECT,  
QUESTION, ETC., PRESIDENT PEREIRA MIGHT WISH TO BRING UP AND  
SUGGESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION MIGHT BE USEFUL.

3. DUARTE OFFERED NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE OF  
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PEREIRA'S CALL BUT DID INFORM ME THAT PEREIRA WAS LIKELY TO  
GO TO NEW YORK EVEN IF HE COULDN'T SEE THE PRESIDENT. A  
SIDE TRIP TO NEW ENGLAND HAS NOT YET BEEN CONSIDERED.

4. COMMENT: REF (B) HAD ALREADY SET OUT EMBASSY VIEW ON  
POSSIBLE PEREIRA MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. EMBASSY, OF  
COURSE, SUPPORTS IDEA OF MEETING. PEREIRA HAS MADE A

CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO CULTIVATE GOOD TIES WITH THE U.S. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CAPE VERDEAN COMMUNITY IN NEW ENGLAND TO CAPE VERDE IS NOT LOST ON PEREIRA WHO HAS ONE OF HIS MOST TRUSTED ADVISORS AS CONSUL-GENERAL IN BOSTON. OF CAPE VERDE'S SIX FOREIGN POSTS, THREE (BOSTON, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON) ARE IN THE U.S. (OTHERS BEING LISBON, DAKAR AND LUANDA). PEREIRA HAS BANKED MUCH ON AN EVEN-HANDED POLICY TOWARD U.S. IN FACE OF RADICAL DEMANDS WITHIN HIS WON GOVERNMENT AND FROM GUINEA-BISSAU AND MAY FEEL HIMSELF LET DOWN SHOULD HE NOT BE RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT INSPITE OF INTENSE PRESSURE FROM USSR AND OTHERS, CAPE VERDE REFUSED TO PERMIT SOVIET AND CUBAN TRANSPORTS TO LAND IN CAPE VERDE ON THEIR WAY TO ANGOLA. SOVIET OVERTURES FOR BASE RIGHTS HAVE ALSO BEEN REBUFFED. ARISTIDES PEREIRA HAS NOT ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO VISIT USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE. A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT CAN ONLY REINFORCE THIS TREND WHICH IS MANIFESTLY TO OUR ADVANTAGE IN VIEW OF CAPE VERDE'S STRATEGIC LOCATION. BUT EVEN MORE, A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT CAN SERVE TO DEMONSTRATE OUR SUPPORT FOR A PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN LEADER WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO BUILD A SOCIETY WHERE PROGRESS DOES NOT SMOTHER HUMAN RIGHTS. FINALLY, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO NOTE ARISTIDES PEREIRA'S CLOSE TIES TO AGOSTINHO NETO AND THE MPLA AND THE ROLE PLAYED BY CAPE VERDE IN BRINGING ANGOLA AND PORTUGAL TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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